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CONTRAST AGENTS**  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Official Action mailed September 20, 2007. The shortened statutory period for reply is December 20, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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